

## **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Final Office Action, the Examiner has allowed claims 1-18. Solely in order to expedite prosecution, claims 19-28 have been canceled. The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. 101 as it has been long established that a computer-implemented method reciting functionality that can be clearly realized by a computer is patentable subject matter (see, for example, MPEP § 2106 IV, B.1). Nevertheless, solely in order to expedite prosecution, new computer-implemented method claims 29 and 32 specifically recite storing data on a computer readable medium even though this operation is not necessary in order to recite patentable subject matter. It should be noted that new claims 29-33 recite similar features as claims 1 and 2 and are therefore in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are now in condition for early allowance. However, the Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims of the original scope and/or additional claims in a continuation.

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. YOKOP001). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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